

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the careful review of the application as set forth in the outstanding office action. Reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-11, 14-31, 35 and 36 stand rejected as being anticipated by Cline et al. ("Cline"). Claims 12, 13 and 32-34 stand rejected as being unpatentable over Cline in view of Abrams et al. ("Abrams").

While applicants do not agree with the grounds of the rejection, the claims have been amended to place the case in condition for allowance, without prejudice to asserting the subject matter of rejected claims in continuing applications.

Claims 37-44 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 15 has been amended to include features of Claim 37, now cancelled.

Claim 8 has been amended to include features of Claim 38, now cancelled, and to place the claim in independent form.

Claim 9 has been amended to include features of Claim 39, now cancelled, and to place the claim in independent form.

Claim 1 has been amended to include features of Claim 40, now cancelled.

Claim 41 has been rewritten in independent form.

Claims 1-24 and 41-44 are in condition for allowance.

Claim 25 has been amended, and now includes the limitation "the test computer system including an electronic memory or server in which is stored a plurality of sets of test instructions each corresponding to a particular one of different spa configurations, said plurality of sets of test instructions including said

set of test instructions for execution by the test computer system in dependence on the particular spa configuration of the spa system under test."

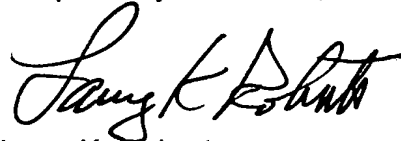
Claim 36 has been amended, and now includes the limitation "the test computer system being disconnected from the spa system during normal spa operation".

With the limitations added to Claims 25 and 26, the subject matter of these claims is distinguished from the prior art of record. Claims 25-36 are also in condition for allowance.

Conclusion:

The outstanding rejections have been addressed, and the application is in condition for allowance. Such favorable reconsideration is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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